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Budget Updates for City of Parsons



Mistee Griffith and her sons, Easton and Parker, Stan and Hazel Dragovich, and Dorothy Carr helped City Administrator Agnes "Aggie" Arnold (not pictured) with placing flags on veteran's grave sites at the City of Parsons Cemetery for Veteran's Day. (Photo courtesy of City of Parsons Facebook page)

By: Jennifer Britt
The Parsons Advocate

City Administrator Agnes "Aggie" Arnold presented the City of Parsons' Council with the general fund revenue and budget control reports for the month of October. The report was prepared by acting Treasurer Jason Myers. According to the revenue control report the original budget was for \$711,449 plus an approved revision of \$291,367 equaling

a revised budget of \$1,002,816. The amount received thus far is \$316,785.90 leaving \$686,030.10 uncollected for the fiscal year.

The fiscal year runs July to July each year. Out of the revised budget of \$1,002,816 there has been \$260,565.17 expended in multiple departments leaving an unexpended amount of \$742,250.83 of the budget. Chairwoman Melissa Jones asked Arnold to explain what the streets/trans-

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Eric Sharad from the Thrasher Group updating Parsons City Council on the top projects.



Accepting the TC Commissioner signed Proclamation declaring November the National Hospice and Palliative Care Month in the middle is Nancy Dotson with Commissioners, L to R, Fred Davis, Mike Rosenau, and Lowell Moore.

National Hospice and Palliative Care Month Proclaimed by TC Commission

By: Jennifer Britt
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Nancy Dotson from West Virginia Caring presented the Tucker County Commission with a proclamation declaring the month of November as the National Hospice and Palliative Care Month. Dotson read the proclamation to the commission and the proclamation was accepted by the commissioners.

The proclamation read hospice and palliative care are holistic, patient and family centered, and provided by a team approach to treat the body, mind, and spirit. At the heart of all of this is meeting patients and families where they are living with serious, life-limiting illnesses.

For more than 40 years, hospice and community based palliative care providers have helped provide comfort and dig-

nity to millions of people. They empower people to live as fully as possible surrounded and supported by family and loved ones despite the life limiting illness.

Over 1.5 million Medicare beneficiaries and their families receive care from the nation's hospice programs every year. Each year if 80 percent as opposed to the current 50 percent of decedent Medicare beneficiaries used hospice for 24 month nearly \$2 billion could be saved by the Medicare program annually.

West Virginia Caring, formally known as Hospice Care Corporation has faithfully served West Virginia for nearly 40 years in Barbour, Braxton, Calhoun, Gilmer, Marion, Monongalia, Pocahontas, Preston, Randolph, Taylor, Tucker, and Wetzel counties.

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Corridor H "Go North" fundraiser a success

THOMAS, West Virginia—A group of local individuals, businesses, and organizations concerned about the route Corridor H will take near Davis, Thomas and the Blackwater Canyon hosted a fundraising and informational event on Thursday, November 17, from 4 to 8 p.m. at The Purple Fiddle in Thomas. Admission was free and open to the public. Approximately 50 people attended and proceeds from the event will benefit initiatives to support a northern route for Corridor H.

Maps and other information regarding Corridor H were available, as well as "Go North" stickers and signs. Guidance on submitting public comments to the West Virginia Department of Highways (DOH) by the December 12, 2022 deadline was also available. The event featured complimentary food and non-alcoholic drinks provided by the Purple Fiddle and music by the band Localmotive.

Those who are undecided about the highway route can learn more about the concerns of the group and the possibility of a northern route for the project at <https://www.wvhighlands.org/highways/> and <https://www.saveblackwater.org/corridor-h>.

To date, 2,798 individuals have signed a Change.org petition in support of what the group considers a better route for Corridor H. Hundreds of local individuals and business owners also have signed petitions in favor of a northern route, and the Tucker County Chamber of Commerce recently issued a press release which indicates that of its 75 members, 43 completed surveys regarding the route and 28 voted in favor of a northern alternative. Nine supported the currently proposed DOH route, and five indicated a need for additional information. Following a Corridor H workshop hosted

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Creating Blackwater PSD

By: Jennifer Britt
The Parsons Advocate

John C. Stump a representative from Steptoe and Johnson, PLLC presented the Tucker County Commission with papers that needed their signatures and approval for submission to the Public Service Commission for the completion of the first step in creating the Blackwater Public Service District (PSD). Stump explained the steps of the lengthy process and answered questions from the Commission and others.

According to his biography on the Steptoe and Johnson webpage at www.steptoe-johnson.com, "Stump concentrates his practice in the areas of municipal bonds, project finance, economic development and utility regulation. Mr. Stump's experience includes significant involvement in tax-exempt and taxable bond issues of all types, a variety of economic development projects, and providing legal representation to utilities, financial institutions, and municipal and other public bodies.

Stump has extensive experience as bond counsel, underwriter's counsel, and issuer's counsel for tax-exempt and taxable bond issues for public works of state agencies, counties, municipalities, and public service districts, as well as conduit financings for 501(c)(3) corporations, private educational institutions, and industrial development projects.

Stump has represented a number of companies, ranging from Fortune 500 international conglomerates to privately held start-ups, in the negotiation and identification of state economic development incentive packages. He has negotiated, and implemented, all types of development incentives, including Tax Increment Financing, Economic Opportunity Districts and Tourism Development Credits.

Stump regularly represents utilities before regulatory agencies. His expe-



The Tucker County Commission along with TC Clerk Sherry Simmons signing papers presented by John C. Stump for the creation of the Blackwater PSD.

rience includes testifying as an expert witness before regulatory agencies on project financing issues."

Before the Public Service Commission will approve the creation of the Blackwater PSD the commission working along with the mayors from Thomas and Davis would need to create a board of three to five members. The board will then assume the responsibility of designing the PSD. Once the project is complete and running adequately the PSD will acquire any sewage project debt from both Davis and Thomas as well as the maintenance and upkeep of the drainage pipes.

City of Thomas Mayor, Jodi Flanagan, asked, "Both City of Thomas and Davis has projects that are getting ready to come out with projects for I & I for the separation of water. Would it be better to wait until the PSD is created and let them fund those projects? Say we get a grant for \$1 million, and we have to take a loan out for 20 percent of the grant who pays the 20 percent?" Stump answered, "All your debt that is associated with the sewer system so long as the PSD is taking over the collections systems as well. And that it is my anticipation or at least what is being discussed."

Davis and Thomas will not be in the sewage business. The PSD will remove all sewer obligations for Davis and Thomas. All sewer bonds will be assumed by the PSD. Discussions will need to take place, but those meetings can not happen until the board and PSD is created. Stump

said, "It is important to create the board, so everyone is on the same page."

The design of the project, obtaining all the permits needed, and be in a position to actually go to construction will take approximately two years. The installation of the project has an unseen time gauge based upon the time it takes to obtain the approval from the Public Service District. The PSD could be done from start to finish in two to three years but that would be tough according to Stump.

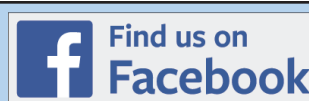
Stump explained the process by saying, "The most likely structure I see is the Public Service District is created. The Public Service District assumes responsibility for the design after the board members are appointed by the county commission. Because whatever is built they are going to have to own and operate it. So those people who are going to be responsible for it need to do the design to understand what is done. Once the project is done, whatever occurs and speaking of a regional waste water plant, even if it is ponds, the district in order to build that will acquire the assets of both municipalities. Now, will that happen before construction of the regional plant or after. I have seen it done both ways.

Commissioner Fred Davis asked, "What happens if one council does not agree?" Stump responded stating that once the board is created, the councils have to vote whether they want to transfer over all assets to the

See PSD page 5A



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News of Record

Magistrate News

- **Thomas Wark**, Winchester VA, was cited for speeding (69/65) by TFC J.J. Schmidle.
- **Tyler Fuller**, Huntington, was cited for expired Motor Vehicle Inspection by TCSD Cpl. B.T. Zirk.
- **Stephanie Monsey**, Parsons, was cited for no insurance by Tucker County Sheriff Department Cpl. B.T. Zirk.
- **Jose Vargo**, Lexington Kentucky, was cited for speeding (75/65), and no operator's license by TFC J.J. Schmidle.
- **David Solomon**, Parsons, was cited for expired insurance and no proof of insurance by TCSD Cpl. B.T. Zirk.
- **David Solomon**, Parsons, was cited for driving without license by Tucker County Sheriff Department Cpl. B.T. Zirk.
- **John Singleton**, Monkton Maryland, was cited for no seat belt by TFC J.J. Schmidle.
- **Jesse Tucker**, Davis, was cited for no proof of insurance by TCSD Cpl. B.T. Zirk. Charge was dismissed.
- **David August Skoog**, Davis, was cited for expired Motor Vehicle Inspection by TCSD B.M. Gidley.
- **Randy Smith**, Burlington, was cited on a controlled access highway with no proof of insurance by WVSP Sgt. W. Pyles.
- **Donna Rae Tasker**, Parsons, was cited for no proof of insurance by TPR C.A. Hawkins. TPR C.A. Hawkins.
- **Jamie Deshayes**, Elkins, was cited for speeding (30/25) and driving on a suspended/revoke license by TCSD Chief Deputy M.J. Sigley.
- **Amy Madan**, Chesterland Ohio, was cited for no proof of insurance by TPR C.A. Hawkins. Charge was dismissed.
- **Genevieve Mallow**, Keyser was cited for no proof of insurance by TCSD Deputy C.R. Summerfield. Charge was dismissed.
- **Whitney Mullenex**, Harman, was cited with no proof of insurance by TCSD Deputy C.R. Summerfield. Charge was dismissed.
- **Michael Harrison**, Tunnelton, was cited with no proof of insurance by TCSD Deputy C.R. Summerfield. Charge was dismissed.
- **Cheyenne White**, Hambleton, was cited with no proof of insurance by TCSD Deputy C.R. Summerfield. Charge was dismissed.
- **Derrick Cooper**, Parsons, was cited with expired Motor Vehicle Inspection by TPR C.A. Hawkins. Charge was dismissed.
- **Nicholas Keaton**, Spencer, was cited with expired Motor Vehicle Inspection by TPR C.A. Hawkins.

Civil Cases

- **Citizens Bank of WV vs. Cory A. Lester** for the amount of \$2,845. Lester admitted the matter and confessed judgement. Judgement for \$2,845 plus \$95 court cost.
- **Northpoint Property Owners Association c/o R. Chenoweth vs. Care Family Rev Living Trust c/o C. Steckley** for the amount of \$2,575.14. Payment was made on November 14, 2022, plus \$95 court cost.
- **Citizen's Bank of WV vs. Winter Crawford and Tommy Moreland** in the amount of \$6,063.07 plus \$120 court cost.
- **Citibank vs. Patricia Jimmy** for the amount of \$3,666.12 plus \$90 court cost.
- **West Virginia University Hospital Inc. vs. Angela Tompkins** for the amount of \$1,657.56 plus \$80 court cost.
- **Charles S. Watrous vs. Jacob A. Beatty** for the amount of \$9,700 plus court \$90 court cost.

The following criminal complaints have been filed in the Tucker County Magistrate office:

- **Ryan Thompson** was charged with misdemeanor harassment for repeatedly making credible threats against another and misdemeanor offense for violation of protective order as a condition of bail, probation, or parole on October 22, 2022. Charges were filed on October 29, 2022. Bond was set for \$9,000 and Thompson was ordered to have no direct or indirect physical or verbal contact with the victim and was ordered not to leave the state without written approval of the court. Pre-trial hearing is set for December 5, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. with Judge Wilfong.
- According to the first complaint, on Saturday, October 22 at approximately 4 p.m. Trooper C.A. Hawkins took a complaint in reference to harassment. On this date the victim advised that Thompson had allegedly been sending her repeated explicit messages through Facebook Messenger explaining how he was going to rape and murder her and a co-worker. She further stated that the message said that Thompson was allegedly watching them and described where her vehicle was parked and where she was standing while on her break. She stated that she was fearful for her life. She

further stated that he would not leave her alone and was coming to her place of work. She sent Thompson a message directly telling him to stop contacting her and he sent an additional message in response following being told not to contact her.

- According to the second complaint on Friday, Oct. 28, at approximately 10:34 p.m. Trooper C.A. Hawkins was dispatched via Tucker County 911 to a harassment complaint located at Cortland Acres in Thomas. Upon arrival he made contact with the victim who stated that she filed a protective order against Ryan Thompson on Oct. 24. She further stated that on Oct. 28 she allegedly received a Facebook message from him in which he allegedly threatened to kill her. She explicitly told him not to contact her and the message she received on Oct 28 was received after she told him not to contact her further.
- **Crystal K. Hess** was charged with grand larceny/penalties. Preliminary hearing is set for November 21, 2022, at 10 a.m. with Judge R. Barb. Hess, of Montrose, was charged with one felony count of Grand Larceny.
- The complaint states that on Friday, Oct. 21 Deputy D.M. Gidley received a radio call at 3:34 p.m. from Tucker Communications (911) to respond to Family Dollar Store #1572 in Parsons for a report of theft by an employee. Upon arrival he spoke with Robert Hill, the District Manager. Hill advised that Crystal Hess, the store manager allegedly stole money from the deposits on the following dates: Oct. 15 - \$1,314.59, Oct. 16 - \$1,250.98, Oct. 17 - \$1,215.38, Oct. 18 - \$1,100.76, for a total of \$4,881.71.
- Hill advised that he spoke with Family Dollar Asset Protection Manager, Bradley Nichols, and he obtained a statement from Hess via telephone. Gidley contacted Nichols on scene and spoke with him about the deposits. Nichols did allegedly state that, "Mrs. Hess began rolling deposits to the point where one deposit would not cover the payback of the rolled deposits totaling \$4,881.71." Hess used the money to buy school clothes for her grandchildren, pay bills and pay for food.
- Gidley asked Hill and Nichols to provide statements via email. Hess was asked to come to the Tucker County Sheriff's Office for questioning regarding the incident and she agreed. At 4:09 p.m. on Oct. 21 Hess was read her rights and signed an Interview and Miranda Rights Form and the conversation was video tape recorded. In summary, she allegedly explained that everything had happened and did admit to taking the money from Family Dollars deposits and using the money for food, gas, school supplies and paying personal bills.
- **Danny M. Ringer** was charged on November 01, 2022, with harassment, brandishing, and assault. According to the criminal complaint filed on November 1, at approximately 11 p.m., the victim was asked inside an apartment by the defendant, Ringer, who the victim was familiar with and once inside the apartment, Ringer asked the victim to go get him some beer. Ringer provided the victim with \$40 to purchase the beer. The victim stated he did not wish to go purchase the beer. When the victim refused, Ringer allegedly produced a knife and threatened to stab the victim. Ringer also allegedly mentioned that he had a gun.
- The victim then left with the money towards BFS in Parsons, to buy the beer. The victim was stopped by the separated wife of Ringer and advised the victim not to purchase the beer and then entered the separated wife's apartment. Once inside the apartment, Ringer came to the said location and was returned his \$40.
- Ringer stated he suspects a sexual relationship is occurring between the victim and the separated wife. Throughout the early morning hours of November 2, 2022, Ringer allegedly continually banged on the door of where the separated wife and victim were located. This prompted several calls to 911. The officer, Sgt. V. Pyles, arrived at approximately 12:46 a.m. Ringer was not observed in the hallway of the second floor. Ringer had however stacked household items against the door from his apartment. Sgt. V. Pyles was advised that Ringer was allegedly highly intoxicated, armed with a knife, and potentially possessed a handgun.
- The separated wife did not wish to proceed with any charges however Sgt. V. Pyles advised he was made aware of the brandishing complaint from earlier. The victim was advised to provide a statement at the Parsons Detachment.
- At approximately 5 a.m. Sgt. V. Pyles was once again called to the same location and upon arrival made contact with Ringer and warned him regarding his conduct within the complex that could lead to his arrest if continued. According to the victim and the separated wife, when they went to the Parsons Detachment later on, the conduct by Ringer continued after Sgt. V. Pyles left. The victim advised that he felt in fear of his life when the knife was brandished. The continued knocking on the door and ringing of the doorbell continued to place the victim in fear. All acts occurred in Tucker

County West Virginia.

- *All individuals are presumed innocent until proven otherwise in a court of law.*

The following property transfers have been recorded in the Tucker County Clerk's office:

- Volusia Ventures LLC, Black Fork, .60 acres to Jonathan B. Sheets, \$3,500.
- Randy Sheets, II, Licking, ½ interest Lots 16-19 to Jennifer Sheets, \$0.
- Estate of Randy Sheets, Licking, Lots 16-19 to Randy Sheets, II, \$0.
- Darrell Wiley Groves and Marilyn K. Groves, Licking District, Lots 2, 3 and 4 Camp Hannahsville to Marilyn Kay Groves and Darrell Wiley Groves Revocable Trust, \$0.
- Barbara M. Guido and Anthony J. Guido, III, Hendricks Corporation, Lots 13, 14, 3, 9 and 40 to Linda F. Fansler, \$200,000.
- Ruth D. Bott, Black Fork District, 16,370 sq. ft. to Karen Lynn Canfield, \$7,000.
- Arthur Davis and Eva Davis, Black Fork, 2.2 acres, 3 acres and 14.29 acres to Christine Davis-Segar, Arthur Davis and Eva Davis, \$0.
- John W. Pearce and Lena C. Pearce, Black Fork District, 93 & ½ poles to John W. Pearce, Lena C. Pearce and Joe Lawrence Gooden, \$0.
- John W. Pearce and Lena C. Pearce, Parsons Corporation, 10,663 sq. ft. to John W. Pearce, Lena C. Pearce, Shelby Elizabeth Freeman; Shelby Elizabeth Gooden, \$0.
- Fred A. Puder Baugh, Davis Corporation, Lots, U, T and S Blackwater Ave. to Curtis M. Bonner, Jr. and Karen Bonner, \$0.
- Michael G. Lee and Julia A. Lee, Dry Fork, Lot 37 Timberline Four Seasons Resort 0.245 acres to Michael Lee and Julia Lee, \$0.
- Thomas L. Kuhn and Carma R. Kuhn, Dry Fork, Revocable Transfer on Death Deed to Land of Canaan Vacation Resort Inc., \$0.
- Carlo Ricotilli, Black Fork District, 35 ½ acres, 65 acres and 74 acres Quitclaim for Gas Well to Carlo Ricotilli, \$0.
- Cooper Homeplace LLC, Dry Fork District, .65 acres and ROW to Ki Canaan LLC, \$300,000.
- Cooper Homeplace Inc., Dry Fork District, Dry Fork District 4.95 acres and ROW and 4.65 acres to Cooper Homeplace LLC, \$660,000.
- Paul S. Mauzy, Jr./Trustee of the First United Methodist Church of Pa., Parsons Corporation, Lots 79 and 80 Curran Addition to Brent Everson, \$66,450.
- John M. Thompson and Jean P. Buckley, St. George, 89 acres more or less to Thornbuck Joint Revocable Trust, \$0.
- Thornbuck Joint Revocable Trust, St. George, 89 acres more or less to Thornbuck Joint Revocable Trust LLC, \$0.
- WL Properties Inc., Parsons, .865 acres Part Old RR ROW to B & J's Family Diner LLC, \$151,900.

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OBITUARIES

Steven Ray Ullom

Steven Ray Ullom, 73, of Berkeley Springs, passed away on Sept. 26, 2022. Born on July 11, 1949 in Washington, DC, he was the son of the late Sanford Carlton Ullom and Lucille Ullom-Hottenstein.

Steven retired as Senior Vice-President of WJAL in 2017 after 20 years of service. Throughout his career he owned and operated multiple service stations and was an ASE Certified Master Mechanic.

Steven is survived by his wife Twila Beth Sponaugle-Ullom, a daughter, Lucy Ullom-Adkins, and adopted daughter, Krista Kreps, a step-brother, John Carlton Hottenstein and a son-in-law, David Lee Adkins.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by a step-father, John Hottenstein, Jr.

The family has entrusted Helseley-Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Center with the arrangements.

A Celebration of Life is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 18 from 7 – 8 p.m. at Angus and Ale Restaurant. Mark Hahn will lead the ceremony.



Dorothy Lynn McDonald Phillips

Dorothy Lynn McDonald Phillips, 51, a resident of Montrose, passed from this life Sunday, November 13, 2022, at Davis Medical Center in Elkins.

Dorothy was born Friday, September 10, 1971, in Parsons, a daughter of the late Ronald “Ronnie” McDonald and Elizabeth “Ann” Murray McDonald. On March 4, 2000, in Beverly, she was united in marriage to Philip Keith Phillips, who survives. They had celebrated twenty-two years of marriage.

Left to cherish Dorothy’s memory besides her husband is a brother, William “Billy” McDonald, an uncle, Robert “Bob” McDonald and wife, Donna, of Beckley, three aunts, Greta Schunter and husband, Chris, of St. Augustine, FL, Frances Carothers of Shinnston, Nancy Pigott of Wallace, several cousins, and special friends.

Preceding Dorothy in death besides her parents was a sister, Anna McDonald, and a sister-in-law, Becky McDonald.

Dorothy graduated Tucker County High School with the Class of 1989. She had been employed for Aegis, Tucker County Senior Center and Kroger. Dorothy enjoyed crocheting and loved spending time with family and friends.

Visitation was held at the Hostetler Funeral Home on Friday, November 18, 2022, from 1 until 3 p.m. The family’s request for cremation was then honored. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Dorothy Lynn McDonald Phillips. Send online condolences to the family at www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com.



Janet Roberta Cross Bohon

Janet Roberta Cross Bohon, 76, a resident of Holly Meadows, Parsons, passed from this life on Thursday, November 10, 2022, at Garrett Memorial Hospital in Oakland, Maryland.

Janet was born Wednesday, January 16, 1946, in Parsons, a daughter of the late Robert John Cross and Sylvia Arizona Hershman Cross.

Left to cherish Janet’s memory are two children, Stacy Wade Bohon and wife, Donna, of St. George and Connie Louise Nestor and husband, Larry of Hendricks, three grand-children, four great-grandchildren, and a sister, Juanita Roy.

Preceding Janet in death besides her parents was a special friend, Jerry Pifer, a sister, Nettie Bright Lipscomb, and a brother, Leslie Pete Nestor.

Janet attended the schools of Tucker County. She was employed at the Parsons Footwear, Parsons Nursery Bottom and the Family Dollar. Janet was an avid gardener who enjoyed painting, drawing, and photography. She attended the Sycamore Grove Church. She loved her family and friends very much and will be sadly missed.

Janet’s request for cremation will be honored and a private graveside service will be held at a later date. The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Parkinson’s Foundation at parkinsonhope.org or mail contributions to Parkinson Research Foundation, 5969 Cattlebridge Blvd., Suite 100, Sarasota, FL 34232. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Janet Roberta Cross Bohon. Send online condolences to the family at www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com.



Raymond Richard Waybright

Raymond Richard Waybright, 83, a resident of Parsons, passed from this life on Thursday, November 10, 2022, at Autumn Lakes Nursing Home in Elkins.

Raymond was born Wednesday, July 26, 1939, a son of the late Luther Waybright and Sarah Ellen Streets Waybright.

Left to cherish Raymond’s memory are two children, Debbie Shahan of Bretz, and Jimmy Waybright of Parsons, four grandchildren, Debra Rhoades and companion, Timmy Sypolt, Tiffany Godwin and companion, Matt Nestor, BoBo Waybright, Heather Simmons and husband, Jeffrey, two great-grandchildren, IdaLee Nestor and Granite Simmons, a brother, Calvin Waybright, two sisters, Dora Pigett and Cora Nice, and several nieces and nephews.

Nine siblings preceded Raymond in death.

Raymond attended the schools of Tucker County. He had worked for Kingsford Company for more than thirty years.

Raymond’s request for cremation will be honored. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Raymond Richard Waybright. Send online condolences to the family at www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com.

Delores Ann Varner Pifer

Delores Ann Varner Pifer, age 80 years, a resident of Tucker County, WV, departed this life Sunday evening, November 13, 2022, at the Hopemont Hospital at Terra Alta, WV.

She was born Monday, April 6, 1942, a daughter of the late Vaden and Alice Varner. She was twice married. First to Frank Jones and second to Dorsey Pifer, both preceded her in death.

Surviving is one daughter, Betty McCauley of Elkins.

Preceding her in death are one son, Robert Jones; son-in-law, Freddy McCauley; and her siblings.

Delores enjoyed going out to eat at Denny’s and talking to the staff at the Hopemont Hospital, where she was well loved.

A graveside service was conducted at the Fairview Cemetery 1, at St. George, WV. On Monday, November 21, 2022, at 10 a.m. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons was in charge of the arrangements for Delores Ann Varner Pifer. Condolences may be expressed to the family at: www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com.

Correction

In the Nov. 16 issue of The Parsons Advocate we inadvertently ran a picture of Conrad Estep with an obituary for Steve Ullom, we apologize to both families for the mix-up.

Cortland Foundation names Boone new director



Crystal Boone is the new Director for the Cortland Foundation. On Giving Tuesday, Nov. 29, she is launching a campaign to support the construction of an all-weather canopy outside the entrance to the Cortland Acres Rehabilitation Center.

Crystal Boone has been named Director for the Cortland Foundation after serving on the organization’s board of directors for the past two years.

Boone brings a wealth of management and non-profit experience to the position and a strong knowledge of the local community and region. She stepped into the leadership position on Oct. 18.

“We are excited to have Crystal lead the Cortland Foundation, overseeing the vital work of securing resources to enhance the health and well-being of the Cortland Acres community,” said Beth Clevenger, administrator of Cortland Acres. “Crystal has a great passion and has been a demonstrated leader in her current role at Cortland Acres with a strong organizational, marketing, and fundraising background.”

Boone manages the dining room and gift shop at the skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility. She is excited about her new role and is gearing up for her first fundraising campaign event for the Cortland Foundation on this year’s Giving Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2022.

“I look forward to continuing to build the Cortland

Foundation’s successful programs and projects,” Boone said. “This year on Giving Tuesday, the Cortland Foundation is launching a campaign to support the construction of an all-weather canopy outside the entrance to the Cortland Acres Rehabilitation Center.”

Donations can be sent to the Cortland Foundation, Attn: Crystal Boone, 39 Cortland Acres Lane, Thomas, WV 26292. For additional information about Giving Tuesday or the Cortland Foundation, call Boone at 304-463-4181 or email cboone@cortlandacres.org.

Boone replaces Dan Bucher, who will continue to serve as the Cortland Acres Development Director, focusing on the Vision 2030 project. Boone said she looks forward to guiding the Cortland Foundation’s growth. “It is a tremendous honor to lead an organization that values people and is committed to enhancing the Cortland Acres campus and the surrounding Tucker County community,” Boone said. “Through the generosity of our donors, the Cortland Foundation truly makes a difference in the lives of our residents and staff.”

As for priorities, Boone plans to continue Cortland Foundation’s involvement in the Neighborhood Investment Program (NIP) and support the music program and the annual photography exhibition.

“One of the first things I plan to do is learn about the needs and wishes of the residents at Cortland, as well as the residents living at The Pines and Pineview Apartments,” Boone said. “I want to understand and examine their needs and what can be done to help the community. By focusing on the Foundation’s strategic goals and working with our staff and board members,

we can grow the programs and increase the positive impacts.”

Sponsored by the Cortland Foundation, the seasonal tradition Cortland’s Christmas Carols & Cookies is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 19. Boone said that information about how people can pre-order the delicious Christmas cookies will be announced soon.

Boone also serves as

a board member for the Tucker Community Foundation and is the president of her church council.

The Cortland Acres campus includes a 94-bed long-term care facility, inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation and programs, rental apartments in Pineview, and garden and patio homes in The Pines. For more information, visit www.cortlandacres.org or call 304-463-4181.

Senior News

The votes are in. The Amish Land Cruise squeaked by the other trips into first place. The second highest vote getter was the Savannah and Charleston. As of now we will plan the Amish trip in September and the Savannah trip in early December for our Christmas trip.

At this point we are not taking any reservations for any trips except the December 3rd Gandy Dancer show. The payments and reservations for the Gandy are all due by Tuesday, November 29, 2022.

We will begin taking reservations for next year’s trips on Monday, December 5, 2022. The trips will be taken only if we have the minimum number of participants. Please, if you are interested in one of the trips, call 304-78-2423 as soon as possible so we know whether or not to continue with the planning. We will set payment dates when we know if we have enough signed up.

We have already reserved tickets for Sight & Sound Theatre for next July (around the 19th or 20th) to see “Moses.” We do not have an itinerary or the pricing yet. We will let you know as soon as we decide. We are working on some shorter trips but they don’t take as long to plan as the longer ones do.

The SHIP lady has expanded her schedule. In addition to the 1st and 3rd Thursday, She will be in Parsons on November 21st and December 5th. Just a reminder that you must call 304-636-4747 to arrange an appointment.

We are seeking donations for our Senior Center food pantry. We are accepting any nonperishable foods. We also have some limited freezer space for meats such as chicken, beef, deer meat, turkey etc.

Next week’s Menu: Mon: Chicken Alfredo over noodles, carrots, pineapple cobbler, and peaches. Tues.: Meatball Hoagie, potato chips, lima beans, and applesauce. Wed.: Northern Beans, Oven potatoes, cornbread, and pears. Thurs.: Chicken Parmesan, California blend vegetables, bread. Fri.: Vegetable soup, grilled cheese sandwich, and crackers.

Both Tucker County Senior Centers will be closed On November 24th and 25th for Thanksgiving and Black Friday. They will open at their regular time on Monday, November 28th.

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We Get Letters

Editor:

The good people of Leadmine, and the surrounding communities near Saint George, deserve better from their government than they are getting from the US Forest Service right now. USFS has not listened to the people who know that in this instance, in this area of steep hillsides and old growth hardwoods, clearcutting wouldn't be a good management practice; it would be FOOLISH and DESTRUCTIVE. The USFS Upper Cheat River Project currently involves a plan to clear-cut 3,500 acres. Please do as I and many others are doing and email Cheat District Ranger Jon Morgan at jonathan.morgan@usda.gov and ask that this clear-cutting, this "Upper Cheat River Project" be put on hold, and that the efforts at management be re-evaluated, to focus on water retention on steep slopes, invasive weed control, carbon storage, old-growth protection, and safeguarding drinking water quality and overall quality of life for the area's residents.

Sincerely,

Deborah Stiles

Limestone Mountain, Saint George

Letter to the Editor:

About the article "Filler Upgrades Weather Station" in the Nov. 16 Advocate: I was able to view the current weather report from Dennis Filler's station just now using Wunderground where it is labeled "Holly Meadows River Bend Estates Station." Good info and good to see him on the air. There is a "science issue" with one portion of the article. It states that "the main difference between barometric pressure and atmospheric pressure is that atmospheric pressure describes the pressure exerted by the atmosphere whereas barometric pressure refers to pressure measured by a barometer." I would think technical readers and all current 9th grade science students know better. Barometric pressure IS atmospheric pressure regardless of how it was measured. Typically 14.7 psi at sea level and varying over time based on altitude, high pressure or low pressure weather circumstances, etc. Normal or typical atmospheric pressure (being the same as barometric pressure) varies with altitude above sea level and can in fact be used to measure altitude. The simplest non-radar altimeters in aircraft read altitude based on pressure. Since it changes relatively slowly over time compared to a climbing aircraft, pilots routinely set their altimeter calibrated in feet (either to zero or to the known geographic altitude of the airport) before takeoff. The pressure change downward due to their altitude after takeoff is used to read altitude in the cockpit.

Another misleading thing about the article regards forecasts. The only kind of forecast in a personal weather station (PWS) like his is based on pressure changes, clarified by the ambientweather.com website. Rising air pressure tends to mean clearing and less precipitation while dropping pressure tends to indicate an approaching low pressure center with storms and precipitation. That could be done (and has been done for many years) using a barometer and watching the trend of it's readings. It was said that "these forecasts are generated for our location (true) and not coming out of Clarksburg Weather (also true but very misleading.)" Weather services, like Wunderground, utilize the data from large numbers of sources including PWS data from many sites but are certainly not basing their forecasts based on any one station's data. These national (actually global) services use huge weather models running on large computers which utilize data from thousands of sources. The models can then be interrogated to provide forecasts for a specific given location on the earth. Wunderground can provide a FORECAST for a location (such as at the Parsons station location) which comes from a large complex system, not from that local station. They also provide and show on the home computer screen the CURRENT data such as temperature, pressure, humidity, etc. which DO come from the local station selected on the screen. Big difference between using data from a PWS and thinking that the PWS itself generates the forecasts.

Interesting and informative article

J.Wm. (Bill) Rymer

Lexington Park, MD 20653

Commission

911 Interim Director Mike Simmons updated the commissioners on the calls place to the 911 for the month of October. There was a total of 913 calls of service made into the center with 40 calls going to law enforcement, 97 calls for EMS, 20 calls for Company 10, 13 calls for Company 20, eight calls for Company 30, and 13 calls to Company 40.

Simmons reported that the center has hired one full-time and one part-time new employees. These employees have begun training and should round out the work force needs of the center when finished.

Continued work on the new CAD system will be ongoing for the five months and the mapping stage will begin December 6. The go-live date for the new system will be April 2, 2023, barring any unseen issues. The virtual server will be installed onsite the first week of December and will take four to five days for completion.

TC Animal Shelter Director Bailey Falls reported to the commission the monthly report. From September 1 to November 16 the TCAS had 114 intake animals, 73 adoptions, 17 owner reclaims, six euthanasias for medically or behaviorally issues indicted, 0 euthanasias to make space, five were deceased, 42 animals were placed in a foster home, eight were Trapped-Neuter-Return (TNR), three animals were transferred to rescue partners, 27 animals are currently at the shelter and 25 are currently in foster homes. There are a total of 52 animals in TCAS care.

Falls noted that a new data entry was added for euthanasias made for space. Falls said, Euthanasia for space is something that the TCAS has never had to do, thanks to the relentless work of staff and volunteers as well as the support of the county commission since the inception of the shelter. That is something to be proud and something that our community

needs to understand is only possible when the shelter is supported continually.

This month Shelter Animals Count, the national database for animals in shelters in the United States highlighted a concerning trend in 2022's data. Across the nation, especially in the Appalachian region, too many animals are staying in shelters while more are entering every day. We have been feeling this for months. When we adopt out one animal, five more take their place within the hour. The influx of animals being found in cardboard boxes by bus stops, on remote roads, and stranded at the county line is unprecedented compared to recent years. We can speculate at inflation, the pandemic, the vet shortage, or all of the above for the cause, but what we need to focus on is the solution.

I know that the fact that the TCAS is considered a "No Kill", which means that we do euthanize for space, is a pride point for many of our citizens. We call upon our citizens to continue to support the shelter's efforts to remain "No Kill". We need dog walkers, as we have multiple large, long term stay dogs with lots of energy to expend. We need folks to help us socialize kittens that never should have been born and are terrified of humans. We need competent volunteers to help us by driving to and from the vet's office.

We have said it before and we will say it again until it does not need to be said, if you want to help homeless animals in your community, start by spaying and neutering your own. If you are feeding cats and you do not know beyond a shadow of doubt that they are fixed, you are contributing to the problem. Call us (TCAS), we will loan you traps and help you get them fixed, but we need you to help us by getting them trapped. Please help us help the animals of our county!"

Falls also mentioned there will be a rabies clinic held in Thomas and Par-

sons on Saturday, April 22, 2023. Falls informed the commission that no applicants had been received for the part-time job opening at the shelter. The job pays \$11 for an approximate 20 hours per week. Any applicant needs to have weekend and holidays available. Falls encouraged anyone wanting to apply to submit their application at the shelter or commission office by November 23, 2022.

Shelia DeVilder from the commission's office reported that a grant had been received to repair the clock tower.

Tucker County Sheriff Jake Kopec gave his activity report to the commission for the month October. Kopec reported that among of the activity there were three felony arrests, one misdemeanor arrest, four misdemeanor citations issued, 10 hazardous moving violations cited, a street value of zero dollars' worth of drugs taken off the streets, 412 job tasks completed, and 6,394 miles driven by department patrolling.

Kopec also reported that the unpaid real estate taxes for the year of 2021 and 2022 were certified to the State of West Virginia. This means if you did not pay your real estate taxes for these years you will have to redeem them from the State by calling 304- 558-2251. Kopec said, "I have done a lot of work to try to get the awareness out to the public. We sent out letters that said, "Look you have not paid your taxes." We gave them another letter telling them how things had changed and how they are not going to have as much time. They are not going to have the redemption period they had before." The sale of delinquent property will happen in similar fashion as before except the state is taking it over. The sale will happen sometime between March

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and June. Electronic payment for real estate taxes is now available on-line.

The commissioners accepted a formal resignation from Emily Wilson-Hauger from the Tucker County Cultural District Authority. Hauger stated other commitments, work, and family have pulled her in too many directions. In her letter she said, "I will remain a very willing and enthusiastic partner in my professional role with Woodlands Development and Lending and as a fellow Tucker County resident."

Commissioner Fred Davis reported that the landfill has received its new trash compactor.

At the end of the meeting County Clerk Sherry Simmons said, "I would just like to thank my staff for an outstanding election. Their hard work and dedication to Tucker County is appreciated not just for elections but for every day. To the 55 poll workers, Tucker County Commission, county maintenance staff, St. George Medical Clinic, countless volunteers, Tucker County Schools, Sheriff Kopec, all the polling locations, thank you because if it was not for you we could not do our job.

A special thank you for the voters of Tucker County, which we voted 54 percent. We, Tucker County, was the first to report our election, on election night. Some may say, "Oh you are small county. That is why you got to report first." We may be small, but we are fierce!"

Simmons also reported that Tucker County was number one in voter turnout.

The next Tucker County Commission meeting will be held on December 14, 2022, at 9 a.m. and located in the Tucker County Courthouse Courtroom at 211 First Street, Parsons, West Virginia, 26287.

Fundraiser

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by the DOH in 2019, more than 80 percent of public comments to the state agency favored a northern route.

Sandra Goss, owner of a popular restaurant in Davis, reinforced the notion that efforts by the local group are not intended to stop the highway project. "We all understand this highway is a permanent addition, and we only want the choice of location to be the best possible placement for our communities," Goss said.

Questions about the "Go North" campaign can be directed to Rachele Davis at 304-642-8728 or to Nancy Luscombe at nancyuscombe@gmail.com.



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Friends of Blackwater celebration

Celebrate the nomination of the Buxton and Landstreet Building to the National Register with the Friends of Blackwater kids coloring book art show. Refreshments and baked goods will be served 1 p.m. December 3rd RSVP by November 30th RSVP by using the QR code in the ad. Call 304- 345- 7663

Elkins Purple Majesties Red Hats Christmas Dinner

The Elkins Purple Majesties Red Hats' annual Christmas Dinner will be Monday, December 12 at The Railyard in Elkins, at 5 p.m. There will be a Turkey and Ham buffet with all the trimmings. All Red Hat Members and guests are welcome to attend, as well as new members. For additional information, reservations or cancellations, call Queen Connie at 304-478-4710 by Noon Thursday, Dec 8.

ERCC Calls for Christmas Entertainers

ERCC is looking for church groups, choirs, youth groups, and any other organization to visit the facility to brighten up the Christmas season for residents and staff. ERCC encourages all community groups to come to the

facility to spread holiday cheer by caroling, decorating, or just visiting with residents.

Parsons Kiwanis Club Blood Drive

Parsons Kiwanis Club Blood Drive At First United Methodist Church, Parsons, Monday, November 28, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Please make an appointment! Call 1-800-REDCROSS or visit Red-CrossBlood.org and use the sponsor code PARSONSKIWANIS. From Nov. 28-Dec. 15, 2022, all presenting donors will receive a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card via email.

2023 Garden Calendars have been delivered

You can pick one up at The Wildlife Refuge, Canaan Valley Store, Davis Shop n' Save, Doc's, Parsons Shop n' Save, Jim's All Star, Steven's Reality, or the WVU Extension Office. The calendar, themed "Colors of the Garden," features information on leafy greens, purple carrots and asparagus, diverse melons, beets and more. The calendar also offers bonus materials and highlights, which include growing advice, food preservation recommendations, pest management information and healthy recipes that use your garden's harvest, all provided by WVU Extension experts.

Momma Said
This column is about tips, helpful hints, recipes and words of wisdom. I dedicate this column to my mother.
By Teri Cayton
The Parsons Advocate

dusty enough as it is. **Momma Said**, "And as I am sure you can remember me saying I DO NOT like to dust."

I hope everyone has a very Happy Thanksgiving and traveling mercies to all those on the road this holiday weekend. Don't eat so much that you can't go shopping on black Friday. I don't have to worry about that because I am going to be in the woods trying to bag a deer. Wish me luck!

Creamy Tomato Macaroni

INGREDIENTS

- 3 TABLESPOONS butter
- ½ CUP finely diced onion
- ½ CUP finely diced celery
- 1 garlic clove smashed
- 1 TEASPOON dried basil
- ½ TEASPOON salt
- 1 TABLESPOON tomato paste
- 28 OUNCE canned tomatoes, chopped
- 1 CUP chicken stock
- 2 CUPS dried elbow macaroni
- ½ CUP heavy cream
- salt and freshly ground black pepper
- grated Parmesan cheese

2. Add the butter, onion, celery, garlic, basil and salt and sauté until the vegetables start to soften – about 5 minutes. Add the tomato paste and continue to cook for another 2 to 3 minutes.
3. Add tomatoes, chicken stock and dried pasta. Stir and lock the lid in place.
4. Pressure cook on HIGH for 5 minutes.
5. Release the pressure using the QUICK-RELEASE method and carefully remove the lid. Stir in the heavy cream and season to taste with salt and pepper. Let the pasta sit in the cooker for about 5 minutes or until it is cool enough to eat. Serve with the grated Parmesan cheese sprinkled on top.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Pre-heat the pressure cooker using the BROWN setting.

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Charleston WV – The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to *e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia* at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Nov. 23, 1962: Roman Catholic Bishop John Joseph Swint died. He was a great builder of religious institutions in the Diocese of Wheeling.

Nov. 24, 2015: For her accomplishments in the field of mathematics and science, Katherine Johnson received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from Barack Obama. Johnson worked for NASA calculating trajectories for manned space flights.

Nov. 25, 1896: Athlete Clinton Cyrus Thomas was born in Greenup, Kentucky. Thomas was a star in the Negro Leagues, during the days of racial segregation in major league baseball. Thomas settled in Charleston after his playing days and made a long career in West Virginia state government.

Nov. 26, 1952: A fire on the evening before Thanksgiving at the Huntington State Hospital killed 14 patients, with three more patients later dying from their injuries. Huntington State Hospital is known today as the Mildred Mitchell-Bateman Hospital.

Nov. 26, 1861: The Constitutional Convention of 1861–63 was convened in Wheeling. The convention provided the foundation for state government in preparation for statehood.

Nov. 27, 1848: African-American educator William H. Davis was born. As a teacher for Black children in Malden, his most famous student was Booker T. Washington. In 1888, Davis was nominated as an independent candidate for the gubernatorial election – to date, the only Black so honored in West Virginia history.

Nov. 28, 1864: In a local skirmish north

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Nov. 29, 1921: The actress Dagmar was born Virginia Ruth Egnor in Lincoln County. Her acting career took off in 1950 when she was hired to be on NBC's "Broadway Open House," the network's first late-night television show.

of Moorefield, Rosser's Confederate cavalry and McNeill's Rangers rebuffed a raid by Union Col. R. E. Fleming and spared the South Branch Valley from destruction. The battlefields are part of the Middle South Branch Valley rural historic district.

Nov. 29, 1921: The actress Dagmar was born Virginia Ruth Egnor in Lincoln County. Her acting career took off in 1950 when she was hired to be on NBC's "Broadway Open House," the network's first late-night television show.

Nov. 29, 2001: Writer John Knowles died in Florida. Knowles, born in Fairmont, attained literary fame in 1959 with his first novel, *A Separate Peace*.

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by Linda Thistle

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Weather Totals

Nov. 8 - Nov. 15

Nursery Bottom
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Temperature
Max 69° F
Min 22° F

Precipitation
Week 1.88"
November 2.16"
2022 49.43"

Snowfall
New Snow 0.25"
Snow on ground 0"
Winter Total 0.25"

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Super Crossword

A STUDY IN SCARLETT

- ACROSS**
- 1 Acquire a wintry glaze
 - 6 Ending for Rock
 - 10 Dollars and cents
 - 14 Woodard with four Emmys
 - 19 Many a Jamaican believe, informally
 - 20 Carine pain
 - 22 "Yes, —!"
 - 23 "Definitely!"
 - 25 1936 film sequel with William Powell and Myrna Loy
 - 26 Utter words
 - 27 "Boys (hit rap trio)"
 - 28 "Lenore" poet
 - 28 Suffered
 - 29 Abbr. on a naval vessel
 - 30 A wide physical variety
 - 37 Stretch (out)
 - 38 Oscar winner Jared
 - 39 Seattle baseball team
 - 40 Possible reply to "Who's there?"
 - 43 Debater's platform
 - 44 Model Klum
 - 46 While lead-in
 - 47 1997 James Bond film
 - 51 — trial basis
 - 52 Mess up morally
 - 53 Locale of All's "Rumble in the Jungle"
 - 54 Immune response
 - 59 Mess up
 - 61 Canine coat
 - 63 Scarf site
 - 65 "Yay, me!"
 - 66 Question about a weak effort
 - 72 Woman on the throne
 - 73 Designer Cassini
 - 74 Father
 - 75 LA-to-IN dir.
 - 76 Apply via an aerosol
 - 79 Rockability singer Chris
 - 82 "Send help!"
 - 84 Epoch
 - 86 Influential Brian Eno album of 1975
 - 90 Peter of "Columbo"
 - 94 Dark beer
 - 95 Rock guitarist Lofgren
 - 96 No-brainer class
 - 97 Cut across
 - 99 "Le Roi d'Ys" composer
 - 100 Sun. church oration
 - 101 Fifteen minutes of fame
 - 105 Triceps' place
 - 108 Quick snacks
 - 109 Intense anger
 - 110 Electrical resistance measures
 - 112 Shrink back
 - 113 Novel and film whose last line is formed by six key words in this puzzle
 - 118 "— is Born"
 - 119 Came to an end
 - 120 Finnish architect
 - 121 Comes to an end
 - 122 Je ne — quoi
 - 123 Bullets, e.g.
 - 124 Hair lock.
- DOWN**
- 1 Ex-Yankee Hideki —
 - 2 Snug eateries
 - 3 "Cómo —?"
 - 4 Rugged trucks, briefly
 - 5 Ones sharing in meals, e.g.
 - 6 Jazz singer Waters
 - 7 "Little piggy"
 - 8 Young child
 - 9 Verb suffix in the Bible
 - 10 Olympic craft
 - 11 Top points
 - 12 "— Na Na"
 - 13 She cackles
 - 14 Home of St. Francis
 - 15 Contour of one's kisser
 - 16 Coldest refrigerator part
 - 17 Bookworms
 - 18 "Oh no, mice!"
 - 21 River giant, informally
 - 24 Floor square
 - 28 Actor Brody
 - 31 Deli side dish
 - 32 Ketchup brand
 - 33 Befuddled
 - 34 Surrounded by
 - 35 Gymnast Comaneci
 - 36 JFK jet, once
 - 37 Angry music genre
 - 40 Skater Midori
 - 41 Gets rid of some flab
 - 42 More brainy
 - 43 Dunkable treat
 - 44 "— mud in your eye!"
 - 45 Put up
 - 48 Rock fissure
 - 49 Pickling liquid
 - 50 Clac — (Bic brand)
 - 55 Persia, now
 - 56 Artillery unit members
 - 57 Aged
 - 58 Prefix with classical
 - 60 Actress Perlman
 - 62 Pi follower
 - 64 Early English dramatist
 - 66 Mental figs.
 - 67 Novelist Seton
 - 68 Peace
 - 69 Nobel Prize
 - 69 Surrounded (by)
 - 70 Springs in deserts
 - 71 Japanese wheat noodle
 - 77 Beginnings
 - 78 Tally mark
 - 80 Strain at — (fuss over trivialities)
 - 81 Shrimplike crustacean
 - 83 Sugary delicacy, old-style
 - 85 Org. for periodontists
 - 87 Carry along
 - 88 Race in "The Time Machine"
 - 89 Rowing tool
 - 90 Bouquet-bringing co.
 - 91 Middle East studier
 - 92 Let have it
 - 93 Ski mask, e.g.
 - 98 Villains' looks
 - 99 Lerner's partner in musicals
 - 100 "Quiet down"
 - 102 Moses' mount
 - 103 Hunts quarry
 - 104 Reached
 - 105 Moving spryly
 - 106 Fees for flats
 - 107 Old PC platform
 - 111 Wage — of words
 - 112 Used to exist
 - 113 Motorist's navig. aid
 - 114 Ending for Rock
 - 115 Boise is its cap.
 - 116 Actor Hanks
 - 117 Fan sound

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PSD

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PSD. If one does not and the state steps in the most likely occurrence will be that all funds will cease. In rare cases the state has offered incentives for the council go forward. Commissioner Mike Rosenau asked, "How much will the rate increase if they go with PSD verses their own towns?" Stump responded with, "The creation of the PSD by itself should not increase rates. I never say rates will go down. It should provide synergies such a one billing system, one audit, one insurance, and I believe that if you just merge the two entities I do not believe that should have a significant impact on customer rates other than whatever rate increases need to happen."

The next steps will be the creation of a board by the county commissions and both councils being in agreement.



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port – equipment vehicles line item was used for, and Arnold stated that fund was used for needed vehicles or repairs to vehicles in the street department. Arnold said, “Remember we bought the new truck with the plow and there was a lot of expense in that.”

Jones then asked, “Some of these things (line items in budget) have money that we have not used can we then move it to other places to use?” Mayor Dorothy Judy stated, “I think we get into trouble if we move it around.” Jones said, “That is why I am asking because like Shavers Fork, there is \$5,000 in there that we have not used.” There was some discussion back and forth as to whether the money was in the general fund or was it Harman fund money. Jones said, “I would like to know if that money can be transferred somewhere else. Is that our money in our general fund or it is Harman money?” After some more discussion between council members Arnold stated she would check with Myers and give Jones an answer.

Councilman Tim Turner asked about why there was \$23,450 left in the Pocket Park budget if the park

was finished. Turner was informed that the pocket was not complete yet there were still things to do such as landscaping.

The William Mahan Harman Memorial Fund is for the benefit of the citizens of Parsons. Currently there is \$410,494.78 allocated for projects. Those projects included items such as the Pocket Park, \$33,000 for a lean-to for the public works maintenance building, \$48,000 for the water metering system upgrades, \$50,000 for the preliminary engineering of the water system improvements project, and \$72,527.24 for the City of Parsons rainy day fund.

It is thought by some that the city receives the whole amount of the Harman fund for their disposal but that is simply not the case. The City of Parsons only receives five percent of the market value of the trust fund. On October 31, the market value of the fund was \$19,045,395.05, and when it is multiplied by five percent that gives a total of \$952,269.76 for the city. These monies are allocated in March of each year.

Arnold reported that she had received a letter

from JH Consulting, LLC confirming the Community Rating System (CRS) renewal and the city’s continuance as a Class 8 community. The CRS is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management practices that exceed the minimum requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Over 1,500 communities participate nationwide.

In CRS communities, flood insurance premium rates are discounted to reflect the reduced flood risk resulting from the community’s efforts that address the three goals of the program: reduce and avoid flood damage to insurable property; strengthen and support the insurance aspects of the NFIP; foster comprehensive floodplain management.

With a verified 1,312 points on the CRS and a classification of Class 8, the City of Parsons is qualified for a 10 percent discount on flood insurance premiums. The verification work of this report was conducted by Myers as the CRS Coordinator and because of his work on the

report Myers was able to save the city \$1,089.39 off of the invoice that started in the amount of \$3,000 from JH Consulting, LLC leaving a balance of \$2,023.12. Future reports may not have the opportunity for this discount as Myers is the only one qualified to complete the verification report.

Eric Sharad from the Thrasher Company was present to update the council on the biggest projects currently in play for the city. Sharad shared information pertaining to the Sewer System Improvements, the Parsons Emergency Water Preparedness and Resiliency Project, and the Water Systems Improvement projects.

Sharad said, “The sewer project was submitted to the West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council (IJDC) in October. It will be in front of the tech review committee this month. I believe November 30 is the date for that meeting. Then it will go in front of the IJDC council in late December. We will get more information then and move forward.

There has been a lot of movement on the Par-

sons/Hamrick project the last month or so. I know our DOH (Department of Highways) permit is in the mail. We had a good meeting with them. They were going back and forth on how to handle the vault. So, I said why don’t we just meet and nip this in the bud and we got it going in the direction we needed it to, so they are not an obstacle. They talked about wanting the city to purchase the property, for one dollar, that the vault is going to be on, but it would take them six months to do the paperwork.

The discussion led to let us do it under the permit and they still want us to start the process, which is good for the city, to own it. You can fence it in, and you will have grass in it forever. We submitted all the environmental correspondences a couple of weeks ago. We just got the one easement that has to be signed and to wait for the environmental review to be done.” Councilman Tim Auvil added, “One of the stipulations of the vault, since it is going to be an underground pump station, is that buffer bumpers have to be placed all the way around the vault.”

Sharad ended with the Water Systems Improvement Project by saying, “We got the PDR (Pre-

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liminary Design Review), and everything done. I was hoping to get it submitted this month but with everything coming up with the Parsons/Hamrick job we kind of prioritized that job. It was going to be too difficult to turn it in by the (November) 10, and we did not want to turn it in and have it rejected. So, that is supposed to go in on December 10 for that project and at that point it will be reviewed in January.”

The meeting came to a closure with the good of the order portion and Turner thanked the city workers for the water project job they did on Memorial Drive and Councilman Bruce Kolsun thanked Arnold for coordinating and placing over 400 flags on the grave sites of veterans for Veteran’s Day at the City of Parsons Cemetery. Arnold, Stan and Hazel Dragovich, Dorothy Carr, Mistee Griffith, and her sons, Easton and Parker completed the task.

The next Parsons City Council meeting will take place on December 6, 2022, at 6 p.m. at the Parsons Community Center, 96 Parkwood Lane, Parsons. If you would like to place an item on the agenda, feel free to contact the Parsons Business Office at 304- 478-2311.

‘Light Up a Life’ at Cortland Acres



The Friends of Cortland is accepting donations for its annual ‘Light Up a Life’ ceremony. A bulb for the 2022 Christmas tree for \$5 each and spots on the special treetop star are \$50 each. Proceeds support the residents at Cortland Acres.

The generosity of residents’ family and friends has made it possible for the Friends of Cortland Acres to give back in many ways, and the group is asking for the community’s help again this year.

The ‘Light Up a Life’ event, underway at Cortland Acres, represents the largest annual fund-raiser for the Friends of Cortland Acres.

Supporters are invited to ‘Light Up a Life’ by purchasing a bulb in memory or honor of a loved one for the 2022 Christmas tree for \$5 each. A limited number of spots on the special treetop star also are available for \$50 each.

To donate, mail a check to Cortland Acres, 39 Cortland Acres Lane, Thomas, WV 26292. “Please make sure to include the name(s) of those you are donating in memory or honor of,” said Nancy Moore, president of the Friends of Cortland Acres.

The donations to the Friends of Cortland Acres tree help pay for many

special projects for the residents throughout the year. Moore said past projects include mini-massages, magazine subscriptions, monthly theme dinners, pizza parties, and flowers for the courtyard.

“These funds also help us pay for regular resident outings to the movies as well as ice cream and fishing trips,” Moore said. “The Friends of Cortland sponsors bingo every month, and that’s something the residents truly love. We also purchase each resident a gift from Santa Claus to open Christmas morning.”

The ‘Light Up a Life’ ceremony to light the tree will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7 at Cortland Acres. The names of all honorees are read during the ceremony and will be printed in a book placed in the dining room.

Shortly after Cortland Acres began serving Tucker County and the surrounding areas in 1978, the board recognized the need for an official group

to help coordinate volunteer efforts. It established the Friends of Cortland in 1980.

Since that time, the women and men of the Friends of Cortland Acres have given generously of their time and talents to help make Cortland Acres the progressive, caring organization it is today.

Moore invites area residents to join the Friends of Cortland Acres. “It’s a great way to give back to the community, and the residents enjoy our activities,” she said.

For more information on the Friends of Cortland Acres or the ‘Light Up a Life’ event, call 304-463-4181 or visit www.cortlandacres.org.

The Cortland Acres campus includes a 94-bed long-term care facility, inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation and programs, rental apartments in Pineview, and garden and patio homes in The Pines.



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SPORTS

Williamstown cruises past East Hardy in playoffs 49-6

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

PARKERSBURG – East Hardy traveled to Parkersburg on Saturday November 19th to face Williamstown in a Quarter-final Playoff game. Williamstown dominated the game as they built a 21-0 lead after one quarter of play. East Hardy continued to struggle in the second quarter as the Yellowjackets took a commanding 49-0 lead after the second quarter. East

Hardy did get on the scoreboard in the fourth quarter off a blocked punt that was recovered in the endzone for a Cougars touchdown. This made the final score of the game 49-6 Williamstown.

The #2 Yellowjackets advanced to the Semi-Finals with the win. They will host #11 Doddridge County on Friday November 25th. Williamstown defeated Doddridge County 41-14 in the regular season. The other Class “A” Semi-Final will be #1 James Monroe hosting #5 Wheeling Central on Friday November 25th. The Semi-Final winners will play in Wheeling on Saturday December 3rd.

Tucker County football players earn All-PVC honors

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

The Potomac Valley Conference released their Football All-Conference list and several Mt. Lions made the list. Below are the Tucker County players that made the list:

First Team

Defensive Line – Hayden Smith
Defensive End – Owen Knotts
Inside Linebacker – Dominick Mullenax
Outside Linebacker – Jared Reall
Outside Linebacker – Blaike Adams
Defensive Back – Maddox Anderson
Defensive Back – Jakob Barrett
Utility Defense – Gavin Mullenax
Offensive Line – Gavin Mullenax
Offensive Line – Dom Mullenax

Running Back – Jared Reall
Wide Receiver – Maddox Anderson
Wide Receiver – Trenton Wilfong
Quarterback – Ethan Rosenau

Second Team

Defensive Line – Levi Pennington
Defensive End – Ashton Lycliter
Defensive End – Marky Phillips
Defensive Back – Trenton Wilfong
Offensive Line – Owen Knotts
Wide Receiver – Blaike Adams

Honorable Mention

Linebackers – Levi Bennett
Defensive Back – Will McCallister
Offensive Line – Hayden Smith
Wide Receiver – Ashton Lycliter

Offensive Player of the Year

Ethan Rosenau
Coach of the Year
AJ Rapp – Tucker County

AREA SCHEDULE:

Monday November 28th

• Tucker County Boys’ Basketball – Scrimm. vs Frankfort @ Home 6pm

Tuesday November 29th

• Tucker County Girls’ Basketball – Scrimm. vs Buckhannon @ Home 6pm

Thursday December 1st

• Tucker County Boys’ Basketball – Scrimm. @ Buckhannon 6:30pm
• Tucker Valley Girls’ & Boys’ Basketball vs Kasson @ Home 5pm

Friday December 2nd

• Tucker County Girls’ Basketball vs Notre Dame @ Home 7pm

Thursday December 15th

• Tucker County Boys’ Basketball vs East Hardy @ Home 5:45pm

WV bear firearms season now open

SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The next segment of West Virginia’s firearms season for black bears opened Nov. 21 in 36 counties and parts of six other counties.

The season runs concurrently with the buck firearms and antlerless deer seasons through Dec. 4.



Only bear hunting without dogs is permitted during the season. Hunters are reminded to purchase their bear damage stamp and an appropriate hunting license in order to participate in this season. To purchase a West Virginia hunting license, visit WVhunt.com. “Concurrent bear and deer hunting provides a unique opportunity for hunters who want to get the most out of West Virginia’s incredible hunting seasons,” said Colin Carpenter, black bear project leader for the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources. “White oak and chestnut oak were the most abundant mast crops this year, which means that black bears and deer will be feeding on acorns at the same places, giving hunters a good chance of har-

vesting either species.”

Bear hunting opportunities will continue after the buck firearms season. All or parts of 26 counties will be open for bear hunting with or without dogs from Dec. 5-31. All or parts of 35 counties will be open for bear hunting without dogs from Dec. 5-31.

Black Bear Premolar and Reproductive Tract Submission

Hunters are reminded that they are required to send a first premolar tooth from each harvested bear to the WVDNR Elkins Operations Center or their local district office by Jan. 31. Hunters who harvest a female black bear are encouraged to save the reproductive tract and entrails.

Hunters who harvest a female black bear should

save the reproductive tracts or entrails by keeping them cool or freezing them and contact the closest WVDNR district office to arrange a pickup. Hunters who submit a complete reproductive tract will be eligible for a \$20 gift card.

Hunters can get a bear tooth envelope at all district offices and the Elkins Operations Center.

For instructions on how to submit a bear tooth, check page 37 in the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary, available to download at WVdnr.gov/hunting-regulations.

Data obtained from tooth samples and reproductive tracts are used for black bear population monitoring.

For more information about bear hunting seasons, visit WVdnr.gov.

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The Advocate’s WARM THE CHILDREN coordinator has made arrangements with a local store and assigns volunteer shoppers to take the children and their parents shopping. Shoppers will be people like you, anyone in the community willing to help by donating a little of their time to this worthwhile cause.

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P.O. Box 345, Parsons, WV 26287

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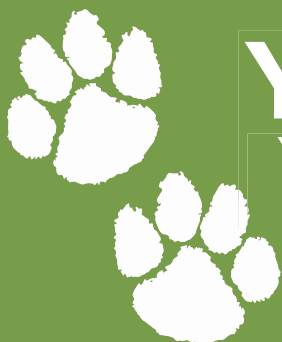
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Jess awakened to a breath blown on him. What a dream he had, it had been a long time since he thought of the farm. "I pray to God the law don't find me till my friend finds me." His roan horse was and had been his best friend and he could always count on him. As he opened his eyes there he was blowing a puff of breath in his face. "Hey, fellow, where did you come from, did anyone follow you?" he asked. Lying there beside the old oak Jess thought, yes that was moonshine for sure. He'd never tasted it before but he was sure he heard lots of stories about it.

James felt sorry for Jess because he would be on the run from the law. If I can only get to Logan and talk to Mr. Myers, perhaps he can straighten this mess out that my brother has gotten us into. If our mother was here she would kick us.

Jess was sitting, thinking, what can I go about doing? He got on the roan and headed for Great Aunt Zina's house. It's far enough away and I can hide out until I have a plan. I know they both will take me in cause I'm kin and that's the hill way. I need food and provisions and there good for that, and a couple good saddle horses. So, away he went, going north to his roots with his best friend.

"Lock him up" replied Sheriff Hedrick. "Sheriff, I need to send a letter to Logan and one to Martinsburg, it could prove my innocence. I could not have been around here when all this thieving was going on, I can prove I was just passing by. This is crazy and a big mistake." James replied.

As Jess rode along he kept his mind in a place in the low valley where he saw all those men and cows. Those were milk cows and tame as little lambs. These men could be wanted over in Virginia or Maryland he thought. I need a plan and I need it quick. He remembered how a very tall, ugly man sat his horse. One of the men had evil eyes and an ear that hung loose from his big hat. My spy glass confirmed how many and a good description.

James was lying on a hard wall cot in the Boone County Jailhouse. "I've been arrested and I'm in prison he quietly told himself as he looked at the jail's walls. I'm innocent and this is a nightmare. My stinkin' brother always did get me in "The Jam" as Great Aunt Elize would say. "Jess will lead you into "The Jam" and from there to jail, you best start thinking of yourself. James Yokum, get respectable, you hear me?" she yelled.

Great Aunt Elize was my best friend, yes she was. The cookies she would

make were so good. The old cookie can setting in the kitchen, I can spell it no other way, YUM. She made the bery best sugar cookies in all the world and West Virginia. I remember when we'd be cutting winter wood outback, she's sneak out the back and bring me extra cookies. She always listened and let me talk, oh, how I loved her even to this day.

Those crazy Ammon neighbors used to trade us raccoon and beaver hides for sugar cookies. We got good money for those hides too. Jess and I would take them over to Mr. Knotts trading post and Ma would let us, but we had to buy her some baking powder and we got to keep what was left over. That's how we both got our first pocket knives. Those Ammon boys, they would skin their own father for Great Aunt Elize's sugar cookies.

It was sorta funny they'd go out in their father's shed and steal pelts, run and hide, that sure was a long time ago.

What a good life we had living up in Randolph County. Dad really worked hard and being a farmer could not have been easy on him and mom, but we worked hard too and it never hurt us. It was good for us. Those fields were clean and productive. We worked from light till dark and sometimes even more.

Staring at the jail wall, James kept remembering, we'd go out to the barn and shuck the corn we had raised. Then it would snow and we'd shuck more corn, grind it grind it again and again. I hated that job. Well, it was work and what kid likes to work? Jess loved it because it was outside. Wonder where Jess is, he's an outlaw whether he liked to believe it or not, they'll be gunning for him.

Dad would light the lantern light and off to the old barn we'd all go in our boots and winter coats, actually the barn was never very cold. The animals kept the barn safe and warm. The logs were warm except

See THE HILLS page 4B

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I have before me the accounts of the Executor or Administrator of the estates of the following deceased persons:

Deceased	Personal Representative(s)
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Janet Bohon	Stacy W. Bohon
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2nd publication 11/30/22	Parsons, WV 26287
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AIR QUALITY PERMIT NOTICE

Notice of Application

Notice is given that CJS Cremation Service, LLC has applied to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Air Quality, for a Construction Permit for a Human Crematory located on 567 Thomas Avenue in Davis, in Tucker County, West Virginia. The latitude and longitude coordinates are: Lat: = 39.128844 Long: -79.4678750

The applicant estimates the potential to discharge the following Regulated Air Pollutants will be: Nitrogen Oxides(NOx) at 1.07 ton per year (TPY)*, Carbon Monoxide (CO) 0.02 TPY*, Sulfur Dioxide (SO2) at 0.21 TPY*, Particulate Matter (PM) at 0.12 TPY*, and Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) at 0.4 TPY

Startup of operation is planned to begin on or about the 23rd day of February, 2023. Written comments will be received by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Air Quality, 601 57th Street, SE, Charleston, WV 25304, for at least 30 calendar days from the date of publication of this notice. Written comments will also be received via email at DEPAirQualityPermitting@WV.gov.

Any questions regarding this permit application should be directed to the DAQ at (304) 926-0499, extension 41281, during normal business hours.

Dated this the 23rd day of November, 2022.

By: Hinkle-Fenner Funeral Home

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Notice is hereby given that STANLEY INDUSTRIES, INC., 587 WILLOW WAY, FLEMINGTON, WV 26347, has submitted an application for Permit Number Q200495 to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV, 26416-1600, in order to Updated Blasting Plan with map.

The operation is discharging into Brushy Fork of Teter Creek of the Tygart Valley River of the Monongahela River and is located near Moatsville in Clover District of Tucker County, Longitude 79 49 16 and Latitude 39 11 37 (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

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Shiloh Quarry, LLC	190 Midstream Way, Jane Lew, WV 26378

*and the mineral associated herewith is owned by:

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Shiloh Quarry, LLC	190 Midstream Way, Jane Lew, WV 26378

*The source of the applicant's legal right to enter and conduct quarrying operation on the land to be covered by this application is by: (e.g., Deed, lease, contract, etc.)

*Surface of the area within 500 feet of the permit area is owned by:

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Rose Holdings, LLC	70 Columbia Blvd., Clarksburg, WV 26301
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Virginia Maratin, Irrevocable Trust	1122 Dolorado St. Suite 2104, Austin, TX 78701
Dwayne W. Cale	9754 Mountaineer Highway, Parsons, WV 26287
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Comments on the application shall be in writing and shall identify the applicant and application number and be sent to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) at the address above. Comments received by December 24, 2022, or thirty (30) days from initial date of publication, will be considered.

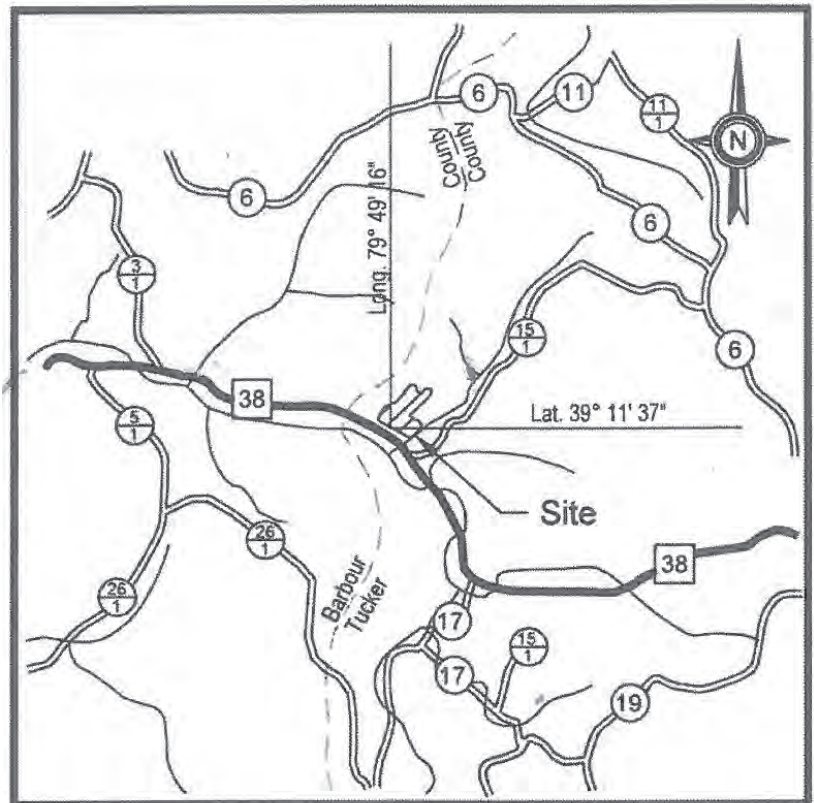
A copy of the application will be available until December 24, 2022, or thirty (30) days from initial date of publication in the DEP Regional Office located at the address above and is available at:

http://apps.dep.wv.gov/WebApp/_dep/Search/ePermitting/ePermittingApplicationSearchPage.cfm

The above link can be accessed from a computer at all West Virginia public libraries.

*These items are to be completed only for modifications that change the boundaries of the current permit. DEP Telephone No. 304-457-3219

Include location map including north arrow and longitude/latitude which crosses the permit area.



Permittee: Stanley Industries, LLC
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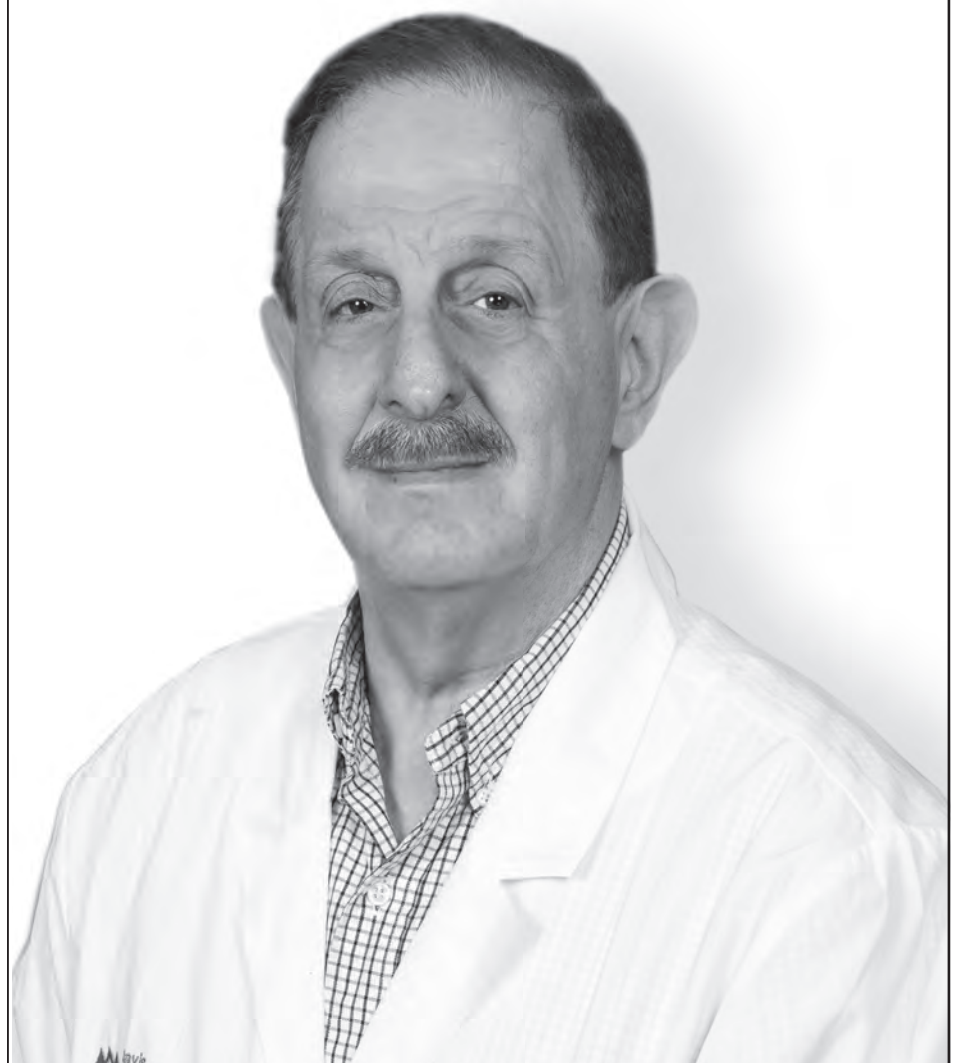
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The Hills

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where the wind came through. Dad was a worker, we all were and sometimes grandpa would go with us and he was always good for a tale or a song to pass away the work hours. You know we never went hungry or missed a meal. Mom was the boss of everything and a good cook. I never ever wanted to disappoint mom or dad, that's why I worked so hard and went to study law. My life was good back then. If they were here they'd kick me for sure.

Jess was riding hard and fast but he knew the roan needed grain, rest and water. Over the next ridge he spotted a farm house with about 40 cows and a beautiful pond near the huge barns. He figured he might be in Kanawha or Fayette County, not sure but he had camped out six or seven times by water where he could trap and fish for what food he could find. It was not such a bad journey and he'd found plenty to eat. It was the guilt he possessed by leaving James to those Law Hogs. James is just not hard stuff, now he knew James must be in jail and very mad at me.

James was still sulking looking blankly at the jail wall, lying on his side, mad as a wet hen and sulking more. He decided to think of a good memory to get away from the glum state he was in. Sitting on the porch, it was his favorite day of the week, Sunday, after church we'd walk through

the green hay field to Great Aunt Zina and Elize's to visit and we all sat on their back porch eating sugar cookies. We'd tell them how good their cookies were and then Great Aunt Zina always told us their cookies had something special put into them just to make them more tasty than any other cookies. She would say there was Love baked into them. You'll find no other cookie coming or going like your great aunt's. Great Aunt Elize would chime in, "Yep, no other, just a very special ingredient!" Thinking back, James chuckled and I do think those cookies raised heroes, lawyers, scamps and a few thievin' neighbors. So his mood was lighter, he fell into a restful sleep.

Sheriff Hedrick explained, "James I've sent your letters out, now we won't be hearing back for weeks and I hate to hold you so long but it is the law. Mr. Becken says he and his son, Reid, saw you and your friend taking hogs and cattle out by the north trail to Gooden a couple weeks ago. Don't say they can prove a thing and they're just loud mouth gossips, trouble kind of folks, always poking their noses into whatever is going on. But I feel as soon as we get those letters we can let you go free if it is the truth. What you are saying can be validated. I also wrote letters within yours to verify who I am and explained the entire story. So we just have

to be patient and give this matter some time."

"Sheriff Hedrick, thank you for what you are trying to do to help me out," James told him.

He lay back down on his cot, turned his face to the blank wall and said to himself, "If dad were here he would kick me."

Jess, in the mean-time, rode straight into the barn doors, got down and yelled, "Is there anyone home in here?" The next thing he saw was the front end of a long rifle coming out the barn door. "Yes," a voice called out.

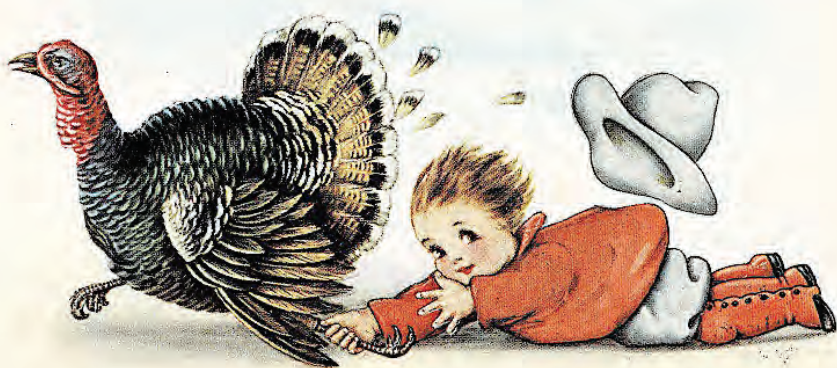
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"CEOS" Ladies held a Craft Night



The Tucker County Community Educational Outreach Service "CEOS" Ladies held a Craft Night at Creations in Parsons on November 7. The ladies chose a ceramic or canvas to paint and had a fabulous night of fun and fellowship with the added bonus of a beautiful craft to take home.

TURNER'S TIDBITS



Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. May you have a joyful time with family this year. Author unknown for this Thanksgiving poem that my wife memorized from grade school. I heard Mr. Turkey say, Gobble! Gobble! Gobble! Soon t'will be Thanksgiving Day, Gobble! Gobble! Gobble! People say it is great fun, but I think that I shall run and hide until the day is done, Gobble! Gobble! Gobble. Mr. Turkey tucked his head, Gobble! Gobble! Gobble! 'neath his feathers deep and red, Gobble! Gobble! Gobble! But they caught him by the wall, killed and ate him, wings and all and never more will Turkey call, Gobble! Gobble! Gobble! Apologies to Dave Lambert, he was the coach of the basketball team features last week, not his brother, Wes. Though they are both fine men. Ideas, comments, suggestion, photos, or anything to share, contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

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Special thanks to the Reverend Father Martin Smay for his kind words of comfort in honoring our Dear Maggie, and his visits to her at the farm. Thank you to the local State Police and Kevin Keplinger, City Police for assisting with the traffic thru town, a special thank you to the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home staff for their wonderful care and compassion in taking great care of our sweet Maggie!!

Maggie truly touched the hearts of so many people. She was so kind, loving and always caring and giving of herself, always praying for her family and friends. We will forever miss her. Your sympathy at this time is a comfort to us and will always remain within our hearts.

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